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AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notification of approved monitoring service providers.

SUMMARY: NMFS has approved two additional companies to provide Northeast multispecies sector electronic monitoring services in fishing year 2022. Regulations implementing the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan require at-sea and electronic monitoring companies to be approved by NMFS to provide monitoring services to sectors. This action will allow sectors to contract for electronic monitoring services with any of the approved service providers for fishing year 2022.

ADDRESSES: The list of NMFS-approved sector monitoring service providers is available at: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/resource/data/observer-providers-northeast-and-mid-atlantic-programs>.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan includes a requirement for industry-funded monitoring of catch by sector vessels. Sectors must contract with independent third-party service providers who provide at-sea and/or electronic monitoring services to their vessels. In order to provide at-sea or electronic monitoring services to sectors, monitoring companies must be approved by NMFS. The regulations at 50 CFR 648.87(b)(4) describe the criteria for

approval of at-sea and electronic monitoring service provider applications. We approve service providers based on: (1) Completeness and sufficiency of applications; and (2) determination of the applicant's ability to meet the performance requirements of a sector monitoring service provider. Once approved, service providers must meet specified performance requirements outlined in § 648.87(b)(4), including required coverage levels, in order to maintain eligibility. We must notify service providers, in writing, if NMFS withdraws approval for any reason.

Approved Monitoring Service Providers

NMFS previously approved seven companies to provide monitoring services to the Northeast multispecies sectors in fishing years 2021 and 2022. Four of the seven approved companies provide both at-sea and electronic monitoring services: A.I.S., Inc.; East West Technical Services, LLC; Fathom Research, LLC; and Saltwater, Inc. The other three approved companies provide electronic monitoring services: Flywire Cameras; New England Marine Monitoring; and Teem Fish. On September 18, 2021, NMFS announced an additional opportunity for monitoring companies to apply for approval to provide at-sea monitoring and/or electronic monitoring services in fishing year 2022.

NMFS approved two additional companies to provide electronic monitoring services to the Northeast multispecies sectors in fishing year 2022: Archipelago Marine Research, Ltd.; and Satlink US, LLC. Table 1 includes the revised list of approved monitoring providers for fishing year 2022.

We approved the additional two companies to provide electronic monitoring services in fishing year 2022 because they have met the application requirements and documented their ability to comply with service provider standards. We will closely monitor the performance of approved providers, and we will withdraw approval during the current approval term if we determine performance standards are not being met.

Table 1 -- Approved Providers for Fishing Year 2022

Provider	Services	Address	Phone	Fax	Website
A.I.S., Inc.	ASM/EM	540 Hawthorn St Dartmouth, MA 02747	508-990-9054	508-990-9055	https://aisobservers.com/
Archipelago Marine Research, Ltd.	EM	525 Head St Victoria, BC V9A 5S1 Canada	250-383-4535	250-383-0103	https://www.archipelago.ca/
East West Technical Services, LLC	ASM/EM	91 Point Judith Rd Suite 26 Unit 347 Narragansett, RI 02882	860-910-4957	860-223-6005	https://www.ewts.com/
Fathom Resources, LLC	ASM/EM	855 Aquidneck Ave. Unit 9 Middletown, RI 02842	508-990-0997	508-991-7372	https://fathomresources.com/
Flywire Cameras	EM	PO BOX 55048 Lexington, KY 40511	888-315-7796	502-861-6568	https://www.flywirecameras.com/
New England Marine Monitoring	EM	350 Commercial St Portland, ME 04101	508-269-8138		https://www.nemarinemonitoring.com/
Saltwater, Inc.	ASM/EM	733 N St Anchorage, AK 99501	907-276-3241	907-258-5999	https://www.saltwaterinc.com/
Satlink US, LLC	EM	16423 Sawgrass Drive Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971	703-447-5287		https://www.satlink.es/en/
Teem Fish	EM	90 – 425 Carrall St Vancouver, BC V6B 6E3 Canada	778-884-2598		https://teem.fish/

ASM/EM = At-sea and electronic monitoring; EM = Electronic monitoring only

(Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*)

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